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MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON GROUP RELATIONS

March 28, 1961

Mr. Stanley Winters
26 Shanley Avenue
Newark 8, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Winters:

Thank you very much for your immediate response to my request at last Thursday's Commission meeting. Pittsburgh and New York, the two cities which have a Fair Housing Practices Act, are sending us all the information they have which will be distributed at once to our Commission members prior to a special meeting to discuss the request for Open Occupancy Private Housing in Newark.

In regard to your special interest on discrimination in educational facilities and a lowering of standards coincidental with transition from white to Negro occupancy, we shall move ahead on this matter just as soon as we are able to verify any of the allegations from your group and other groups in the City. To assist this process, will you please get to us just as soon as possible any facts you have which will give us a point of contention or proof in our meeting with the Board of Education.

I'd sincerely hope that the NAACP, Clinton Hill Council and Weequahic Community Council are ready for a long and strong battle to bring a Fair Housing Practices Act to the City of Newark. As you realize, such an Act will require at least 3 additional staff members to administer the Act and conduct investigations. Since we are not even able to get an assistant director because of the need for higher salary ranges than we presently have, you can readily envision the obstacles we may face in attempting to add 3 or possibly 4 new staff members. Thank you for your interest and excellent testimony presented by Rose Heyman. Once we get rolling on this serious project, we shall need all the help you can give us.

Very sincerely yours,

s/s. D.S.A.

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